

that if they had any suggestions to make, it would give the undersigned pleasure to submit them, with their report, to the Legislature for its consideration. Subsequently to this, at the request of the members of the Institute, the undersigned forwarded to them a copy of their report and code.

The code of the undersigned, it would seem, has been approved by the members of the institute with but slight exception. The difference between the two codes is as follows:

1. By the code of the undersigned, the Secretary of the State is constituted *ex officio*, Superintendent of Common Schools without any increase of compensation. By the other, it is provided, that none other than a practical teacher shall act as such, and that he shall have a salary to be fixed by the Legislature.

2. By the code of the undersigned, the Levy Court, or County Commissioners, as the code may be, of each county, are directed to appoint Inspectors of common schools. In the other, it is provided, that a board of examiners shall be appointed in the city of Baltimore and each county to be composed exclusively of teachers and those whose design it is to become such.

3. By the code of the Institute, provision is made for the establishment, in each county, of a high school.

4. By the code of the undersigned, the white taxable inhabitants of the several school districts are allowed to determine whether or no they will have a school in their district. In the other they are deprived of this power and it is made the duty of the Levy Court, or county commissioners, as the case may be, of each county, to levy a sum upon the taxable property within their county fully equal to that obtained from the State.

5. In the code of the undersigned provision is made for the appointment of district collectors. By the other, the collector of the county and State taxes, is charged with this duty.

With the exception of these differences the codes are believed to be identical. It is therefore for the Legislature to determine which, if either, it will adopt, and that it may be enabled to decide, the undersigned have the honor to submit both for their consideration.

JNO. C. LE GRAND,

J. S. OWENS,

JNO. H. T. MAGRUDER.

Which was read and referred to the committee on Education:

On motion of Mr. Causin,

Ordered, That so much of the message of the Executive as relates to the assumption of State debts by the general government, be referred to a select committee of seven to be appointed by the chair.

In pursuance whereof, the Speaker appointed Messrs. Causin, Carey, Thomas, of Tablot, Kilgour, Yellott, and McKaig.

On motion of Mr. Yellott.